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Applicants:	Freter et al.	Confirmation No.:	8250
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Dear Examiner Vivlemore:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a reply to the Final Rejection mailed November 14, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended by enclosure of a 3 month petition for extension of time. A Request for Continued Exam is also provided herewith. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the below amendments and reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.